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REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops in Vienna, Klosterneuburg and Bruck on the Leitha River

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DATE PREPARED 21 May 1954

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

1. On 12 April 1954, detonations which, source believed, were caused by hand grenades were heard from the Frost Kaserne in Vienna, which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Truck driver with red-bordered black epaulets, occupied by five soldiers also wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. Seven tank trucks were parked under shed roofs on the empty drill ground of the installation. Some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia were observed at the repair shop at 109-111 Frost Strasse, in whose area five armored vehicles were parked. Truck was parked at the garage at the water tower on Windten Strasse which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. At least 15 motor vehicles including trucks were stored in the garage on Fernerstorff Gasse, which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were doing repair work on some of these vehicles. 1
2. On 15 April 1954, no activity whatsoever was observed at the main gate of the former Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30), which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The smokestacks behind the gate emitted no smoke. A tank truck was parked in front of the north-western gate, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets. One smokestack on a section of the building behind the gate emitted smoke. For the first time 12 pontons were observed on a meadow in front of two large sheds covered with corrugated sheet metal at 8 Jahn Strasse. Two-wheeled trailers with hooks were seen near the pontons. Soldiers wearing black-bordered black and red-bordered black epaulets hauled pontons to the loading ramp at the Klosterneuburg railroad station by truck. Neither motor vehicles nor weapons were observed in the area of the former Pionier-Zeugamt (engineer ordnance depot), which was guarded by a sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The garage for tank trucks on the drill ground southeast of the Pionier-Zeugamt was empty. 2

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1. Comment. The motor-vehicle mentioned belong to the 44th Gds Mech Regt. No other information received prior to 12 April 1954 indicated that components of this unit had moved to the training grounds. 25X1
2. Comment. The installation appears to be only lightly occupied. The present report tends to indicate that component units of the 8th Gds Engr Bn are scheduled to be entrained. A previous report indicated that the units stationed at the installation left for an exercise on 20 and 21 March. It is believed that they have been at the Doellersheim training ground together with other component units of the 13th Gds Mech Div since early April. It is unknown whether they returned to the installation in the meantime. 25X1
3. Comment. the 15th Gds Tank Regt in Bruck on the Leitha River until 26 March 1954. 25X1

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